

MINUTES

—OF THE—

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Centennial Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Union Springs Church, Bullock County, Ala.,

September 22, 23 and 24, 1892.

OFFICERS.

GEO. WILLIAMS, Moderator..... Union Springs, Ala.
F. E. TOMPKINS, Clerk..... Fitzpatrick's, "
B. T. ELEY, Treasurer..... Union Springs, "

The next session will be held with Loflin Church, Bullock County, Ala., commencing on Thursday, before the fourth Sunday in September, 1893. Introductory Sermon by Elder G. W. Dalbey. Doctrinal Sermon by Elder J. O. Hixson.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Intermission.
3. Moderator call Association to order.
4. Letters read and Messengers enrolled.
5. Election of officers.
6. Admission of new churches.
7. Correspondence received.
8. Appointment of special committees, viz: (a) Preaching, (b) Documents, (c) Auditing, (d) Finance, (e) Nominations.
9. Report of Executive Committee.
10. Reports of standing committees.
11. Reports of special committees.
12. Miscellaneous business.
13. Treasurer's report.
14. Read minutes of previous day.
15. Call the roll.
16. Adjourn.

MINUTES.

The Centennial Association convened with Union Springs Church, in seventeenth annual session, at 10 o'clock a. m., September 22, 1892.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. M. N. Eley; text, Matt. 27:50. Theme, "The death of Christ a wonderful event."

EVENING SESSION—1:30 O'CLOCK.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, J. O. Hixson. The letters from the churches were handed in and read by A. F. Dix and B. T. Eley. The names of the delegates were enrolled as follows:

Aberfoil—F. O. Bickley, J. C. Beverley.
Fairview—A. F. Dix, Paul Dix.
Indian Creek—C. Crawley, M. B. Phillips, S. J. Ming, T. O. Smith.
Liberty—T. M. Hough, W. A. Gholston, W. A. Powell.
Loftin—E. A. Brooks, James Boyd, E. E. Miers, G. Williams.
Midway—J. P. Downing, J. E. Griffin, Tom Carter.
Macedonia—J. M. Loflin, J. C. Rotton, A. C. May, W. M. Cockcroft, D. A. Caylor.
Mt. Zion—J. H. Cogdell, F. M. Grider, P. G. Renfroe.
Mt. Pleasant—H. W. Griggs, T. R. Rolan, J. W. Cobb, W. H. Shirley, R. Herring.
Perote—M. Ivey, J. R. McDowell.
Sardis—William Martin, F. M. Reese, J. L. Childs, J. F. Martin.
Siloam—R. J. Sims, S. J. Townsend, R. L. Justice.
Union Springs—G. W. Dalby, M. N. Eley, J. O. Hixson, B. T. Eley, J. M. Ellis, A. W. Beverley, G. A. Orum, W. M. Thornton, J. H. Rainer, Sr., Geo. Williams.

The body proceeded to the election of officers.

J. O. Hixson requested the Association not to re-elect him Moderator.

The following officers were elected: Moderator, George Williams; Treasurer, B. T. Eley; Clerk, F. E. Tompkins.

G. W. Dalby, the pastor of Union Springs church, warmly welcomed the body.

Names of correspondents were enrolled as follows: Eufaula Association—R. Herring and R. L. Baker.

The following were appointed as committee on Religious Exercises: S. J. Townsend, J. H. Cogdell, and the pastor and delegates of Union Springs church.

Order of Business of last session adopted by this body.

Hours of meeting and adjourning adopted as follows: Meet at 9 a. m. and adjourn at 11 for preaching; meet at 2 p. m. and adjourn at pleasure.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported that R. Herring will preach at 7:30 to-night.

A committee of one, M. N. Eley, was appointed to collate the Order of Business.

Adjourned. Benediction by G. W. Dalby.

FRIDAY.—9 A. M.

Religious exercises were conducted by G. W. Dalby.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and adopted.

The action of the body in adopting the Order of Business was reconsidered.

The Moderator renewed the call for correspondents: C. W. Hare was received as agent of the Alabama Baptist; W. B. Crumpton as agent of the State Mission Board and of the Judson Female Institute, and G. S. Anderson as agent of the Home Mission Board.

The Executive Committee reported and the report was adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee met October 29, 1891, and in obedience to your instructions contained in the report on Documents and Resolution No. 1, opened correspondence with the State Mission and Colportage Boards, asking the State Mission Board to appoint brethren J. M. Loflin and R. Herring as missionary pastors to the weak churches (five in number) in our bounds, and supplement their salaries with \$200.00, which the S. M. B. granted. We also asked the Colportage Board to appoint Bro. J. M. Loflin as colporteur within our bounds, which was also granted.

Respectfully submitted,

M. N. ELEY, Chairman.

J. M. Loflin and R. Herring, the missionary colporteurs of this body, made verbal reports. They were instructed to make written reports.

Loflin, Perote and Sardis churches handed in their letters, which were read.

The committee on Deceased, Aged and Infirm Ministers and their Families, reported and their report was adopted.

REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

Your committee on Deceased, Aged and Infirm Ministers beg leave to report that while disease, death and the infirmities of old age are making inroads upon the shining lights of the ministry of our country and churches of other fields, through a kind Providence our Association does not mourn the death of any minister, nor do we know of any family in our bounds that particularly need any charity from our hands. The declining years of one grand old hero of the Cross, whose hoary locks and majestic form is yet lingering with us, waiting and watching on the shores of time, after several years, has once again stood before us, as with his message of love, and with his usual devout zeal, admonishes us with admiration of God's love and amazing mercy, and his protecting care over him, a solace of comfort to family and friends. Also, Bro. Crawley, who stands watching, waiting and

ready for the summons of death. These old brethren are the beacon-lights of our body, and serve as an incentive to guide us on our way to a higher life.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. TOWNSEND, Chairman.

The report of Committee on State Missions was read:

Your Committee on State Missions beg leave to submit the following report:

It is gratifying to your Committee to be able to state that, notwithstanding the many hindrances in the way of our mission work, yet with every new year there comes some improvement on the last. It is to be hoped, when our labors have been summed up, the present year will be no exception to this rule.

A summary of the work of the State Board, in its last report, shows additional numbers of churches organized, increased numbers to our memberships, as well as more liberal contributions by our people to the great cause of missions. While these contributions have increased in the aggregate, there should also be an increase in the number of contributors. The report of the State Board above alluded to makes the following surprising statement, to-wit: "It is a fact not realized by our people, that the majority of the Baptists of the State are practically anti-missionaries. Hundreds of churches and thousands of members do not give one cent for missionary purposes. Of the seventy-two Associations reported on our list, the majority do practically nothing for missions." May we not ask if these facts apply to us of the Centennial Association? While this may not be so with regard to any of our churches, yet we know that many of our members do not give of their means to missions.

This ought not to be so. We believe that every individual member of our churches should give of his means to the Master's cause, however small that amount might be. We would therefore urge upon the pastors of the several churches of this Association the importance, as well as the duty of every member, to give of his substance to the Lord. According as the Lord has prospered us, so he expects us to give.

However humble our homes or modest our means, our willing and cheerful gifts to God will become as treasures to our souls in the final account. We remember the humble widow who gave but two mites. She did more than they all, and received her great reward. In all the avocations of life we, as business men, adopt systematic plans by which we guide and control our operations, to the end that we shall succeed. If system, then, is so important to us in our individual enterprises, how much more so when we, as churches, are about our Master's business. Let us all, then, unite our wasting strength, our means, as well as our love and prayers, and directing them into the course of peace and love, send forth the glad tidings of the gospel, with its blessings, to the souls of men.

Upon the application of your Executive Committee the State Board cheerfully appropriated two hundred dollars this year towards supplementing the salaries of pastors of the weak churches of our Association. With this help these churches have been able to secure pastors, and hold regular service during this associational year.

The Bible and Colporteur Board has also put a colporteur upon the same field for the purpose of disseminating the Word of God, and other Baptist literature among the people.

We cheerfully commend these Boards to the hearty support of all our churches, believing that our earnest co-operation with them in the spread of the Gospel will bring to us and the cause of our Master nothing but good results.

Before closing this report your Committee would appeal to every member of the churches of this Association to consider well, each for himself, the individual responsibility laid upon us, and more than ever strive to give a good account of our stewardship along these lines of responsibility. May the Spirit of the Lord keep us unto every good word and work.

Respectfully submitted,

B. T. ELEY,
Ch'mn Com.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported that G. S. Anderson will preach at 11 o'clock a. m. to-day, and that W. B. Crumpton will lecture to-night.

The Moderator announced the special committees.

On Finance—F. O. Bickley, S. J. Townsend and W. H. Cockcroft.

On Documents—G. W. Dalby, M. Ivey and W. H. Shirley.

On Nominations—A. F. Dix, C. Crawley and T. O. Smith.

Adjourned till 11 o'clock. G. S. Anderson preached.

EVENING SESSION—2 O'CLOCK.

Prayer by A. F. Dix.

Names of delegates from Greenwood church enrolled: J. R. Padjitt and F. B. Williams.

Letter from Midway church received and read.

Committee on Sabbath-schools reported and report adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school is an auxiliary to the church, which seems to have come to stay. Perhaps no instrumentality of modern times has wielded so wide spread and powerful influence for good upon young people as the Sunday-school, hence it has been seized upon and vigorously used with great success by all live, progressive denominations and churches. It is a striking fact that a very large per cent. of those who are now being received into the different churches in all denominations, come from that number who have had Sunday-school training. Some idea of its importance, both in the cultivation of a mission spirit and in the increase of the church membership, may be arrived at by noticing some figures reached by the examination of reports from seventy-five churches with, and seventy-five without Sunday-schools. Those with Sunday-schools have 5 273 members. During one year they report one baptism for every ten members. For missions and ministerial education they report thirty-three cents to the member, while those without Sabbath-schools report 5,114 members, but only one baptism for every thirty members, and four cents apiece to missions and ministerial education. The Sunday-school work has compelled a far greater amount of Bible study among the older church members, many of whom engage in the work as teachers and scholars. Many more ought to attend. It is also wielding a great influence with reference to Bible knowledge in the home circle. In a word, its great importance as a God-given instrumentality for good, is apparent to all. Your committee would therefore earnestly urge all our churches to engage regularly in the Sunday-school work. The facilities offered by our Sunday-school Board at Nashville, Tenn., are now so great that it is practicable for every church to have a live Sunday-school.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. PIERCE,

T. M. HOUGH,

J. K. PADJITT,

Committee.

Report on Home Missions was read:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report:

Of all the things that is claiming the attention of the Baptists of Alabama to-day, it is Home Missions. The greet influx pouring into our midst from every quarter of the globe, owing to the development of our natural resources and pleasantness of our climate, people are turning their steps toward our happy clime.

People are coming to our midst who must have the gospel preached to them; they must be gathered into the fold of the Master. During the past year the Board has made some advancement in its work; the number of workers has been increased to 406. The result of their labors show a corresponding increase. Baptisms last year were 5349; a gain of 700 over the preceding year. The churches constituted by the board last year were 267; Sunday-schools organized, 236; houses of worship built, 143; the sum expended in their erection, \$60,473. Missionaries who have labored among foreign population, including Indians: 31 in Cuba, 22 among the negroes, 51 among native whites; 302 weeks of labor; 9 590 churches and stations; 1,231 sermons, and addresses, 43,453; prayer meetings, 10,527; baptisms, 5,349, received by letter, 4,638. Total additions, 9,987. Sunday-schools organized, 424; teachers and pupils, 13,200; religious visits, 67,134; pages of tracts distributed, 1,135,712.

Our board has its labor among the Indians and in Cuba, also Mexico, but mainly among our own people.

The board's needs have never been so pressing as now. Brethren, will you help in this great undertaking? Will you stand idly by and see this grand work go on without your help, or will you throw yourself, your means and influence into the great effort? The result, under the blessings of the Master, will fill all our hearts with joy.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. LOFLIN, Ch'n.

Report on Temperance was read.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance make the following report:

While it may be said, that in our civilized and Christianized world the morals of the people have improved and are much better by the temperance movement, yet when we come within the pale of churches, and view its status from a temperance standpoint, we have to say that the movement is not progressing with that rapidity of success that might otherwise be expected, for there is found obstruction and great hindrance to the cause in numbers of our churches, in allowing their members to engage in the sale of, and the habit of the drink of bitters and other intoxicating liquors.

We are constrained to say that the churches are living in sin and shame, in thus allowing their members to engage in these wicked practices and habits. Your committee is of the opinion that the time now is when the churches can no longer give tolerance to this wickedness, by giving countenance to members who participate therein. It has been said, Taste not, Touch not, Handle not the unclean thing, for all are to perish with the using thereof. The Savior said, in reference to his church, Ye are the light of the world; ye are the salt of the earth. Thereby meaning to teach that it is the function of his church to lift men from such a sphere of living, to a higher sphere of more nobler living, by living temperately, soberly and godly in all things.

We would recommend to you, and urge you, and through you the churches which you represent, to renewed consecration to the Master and his church. We would recommend to churches that have members who engage in the sale of intoxicants, bitters or liquors, or in drink thereof, to withdraw from such, we think it best for the church and member. We have a story, which runs thus: There was a tender, loving and compassionate father, who had a loving little daughter, whose teacher had taught her that no swearer could enter the kingdom of heaven, who one day on hearing her father swear, went behind the door to cry. Her father hearing her crying, with tender words called her to know what she was crying for. She said to him that her teacher had told her that no swearer could enter the kingdom of heaven; she had just heard him swearing, and she was crying because she was afraid he could not get to heaven. The father said to her, very tenderly and affectionately, Well, my child, by the help of God, you will never hear me take the name of God in vain again.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. DOWNING, Ch'n.

Report on Foreign Missions read:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Centennial Association:

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, offer the following as our report:

One hundred years ago the work of modern missions was begun, by a few consecrated men at Kettering, England. While much has been accomplished in these long years, the work of evangelization has hardly begun. Millions are yet groping in heathen darkness.

The Southern Baptists, representing a membership of over one and a quarter million, have but a little over one hundred missionaries in foreign fields. The appeal comes from every field for more laborers. Many, no doubt, would gladly go if they had the means. Providing the support is our part, and that is the smallest duty involved in the work. The greatest sacrifice is made by our godly men and women who go out from home and friends to these benighted lands.

Brethren, it is a God-imposed duty that we "preach the gospel to every creature." While but few can preach, we can all be the means to that end. We earnestly beg the brethren to commemorate the centennial anniversary of missions in a God-honoring manner.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES JONES,
W. C. HUFHAM,
H. W. GRIGGS,
Committee.

Adjourned. Benediction by M. N. Eley.

W. B. Crumpton delivered a map lecture Saturday night.

SATURDAY—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Religious Exercises were conducted by J. M. Loflin.
Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and adopted.
The Moderator announced the Standing Committees.

On State Missions—A. S. Dix, W. E. Pierce and J. P. Downing.
On Home Missions—S. J. Townsend, W. H. Cockcroft and J. E. Jenkins.
On Foreign Missions—J. O. Hixson, F. O. Bickley and James Yeats.
On Education—A. F. Dix, T. M. Hough and J. R. McDowell.
On Religious Literature—G. A. Orum, E. A. Brooks and H. W. Griggs.
On Deceased, Aged and Infirm Ministers and their Families—J. M. Loflin, Wm. O'Niel and J. R. Padjitt.
On Sabbath-schools—B. T. Eley, T. O. Smith and A. C. May.
On State of the Churches and Associational Field—A. W. Beverley, J. H. Cogdell and J. L. Childs.
On Temperance—R. Herring, Wm. Martin and C. Crawley.

W. C. Jordan's name enrolled as correspondent from Eufaula Association.

The report on State Missions was adopted.

The report on Home Missions was adopted.

The report on Foreign Missions was adopted.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported that preaching be dispensed with at 11 o'clock to-day, and that A. F. Dix preach

the Doctrinal Sermon to-night, and that G. W. Dalbey preach the Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock to-morrow. J. M. Loflin and R. Herring read their reports, and the reports were referred to the Executive Committee.

The report on Temperance was again read and adopted.

Adjourned. Benediction by M. N. Eley.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2 O'CLOCK.

Prayer by S. J. Townsend.

— Rankin's name enrolled as visitor from Conecuh Association.

Report on Religious Literature read and adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your committee make the following report:

We recommend to every family, first, the study of the Bible. Our great Teacher gave us the divine injunction, "Study the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, for they are they which testify of me." As helps, we recommend, first, the Alabama Baptist, as it is our State organ; it should be read and fostered by every Baptist family in the State. We also recommend our Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., a 32-page magazine, price 50 cents per annum. Also the Home Field, published at Atlanta, Ga., price 25 cents per annum; and also the State Mission Quarterly, published at Marion, Ala., price 15 cents per annum. For our Sunday-schools we recommend the Convention Series, published at Nashville, owned and controlled by the Southern Baptist Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. GHOLSTON,
M. IVEY,
C. CRAWLEY,
Committee.

All speeches during the remainder of the session limited to five minutes.

Committee on Documents reported, and report adopted.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Your committee to whom you have referred the letter from Mt. Zion church, asking for a letter of dismission from this body, respectfully suggest that that part of the letter be returned with the request that they either withdraw the charges contained therein, or specify the same.

We recognize the right of the church to ask for and receive a letter of dismission from this body; but as we cannot grant the letter without admitting unspecified charges against members of this body, therefore we return the request with the above suggestion.

With reference to the query from the church at Macedonia, to-wit: "What can be done to get some of the brethren to feel the responsibility for the spiritual death in the churches?" your committee respectfully submit that the remedy is to wait on God in prayer and supplication for the power of the Holy Spirit to do that work.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. DALBEY,
M. IVEY,
W. H. SHIRLEY,
Committee.

There being no report on Education, W. B. Crumpton addressed the body in the interest of the Judson Female Insitute.

The report of committee on the State of the Churches and Associational Field was read and adopted.

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES AND ASSOCIATIONAL FIELD.

Your committee would respectfully call attention to the reports of your missionary pastors and colporteur for information indicating some improvement in fields hitherto quite sterile. Especially does the condition of Mt. Pleasant church afford encouragement for continued effort on the part of the association to strengthen her weak churches. The condition of Perote, Aberfoil and Ebenezer churches still pleads for help, and your committee would recommend that an effort be made through co-operation with the State Board to have those churches supplied by means of missionary pastors.

The state of the churches strongly suggests that the time-honored doctrine of Baptists, teaching the complete severance of Church and State, should be enforced by our teaching and practice, so as effectually to guard our churches against all inroads, from whatsoever source, of political influence and partisanship.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. DIX, Chairman.

Committee on Nominations reported and report adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations would respectfully recommend:

1. That the next meeting of this association be held with Loflin church, convening on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1893.
2. That Bro. G. W. Dalbey preach the introductory sermon.
3. That Bro. J. O. Hixson preach a doctrinal sermon.
4. That Bro. G. W. Dalbey be delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention; A. F. Dix and B. T. Eley, alternates.
5. That the following be delegates to the State Convention: Elders G. W. Dalbey, J. O. Hixson, A. F. Dix, M. N. Eley, C. Crawley, J. M. Loflin, brethren Wm. O'Neill, B. T. Eley, A. S. Dix, M. B. Phillips, F. O. Bickley, W. E. Pierce, and our Moderator, Geo. Williams.

A. F. DIX,

T. O. SMITH,

C. CRAWLEY,

Committee.

On motion of A. F. Dix, the Executive Committee was instructed to make the best arrangement practicable with the Secretary of the State Mission Board to assist the weak churches in the bounds of this association, and, also, to look after the colportage work.

The Treasurer reported.

B. T. ELEY, Treasurer,

In account with Centennial Association.

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Sept. 27. To am't rec'd from Finance Committee Vouchers

No. 1-10.....\$226 00

To Cash..... 193 71

Union Springs Church for Minutes..... 8 50—\$428 21

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By Macedonia Church, V. 1-3.....	14	50
By Greenwood " V. 4-6.....	15	00
By Perote " V. 7.....	5	00
By U. Springs " V. 8-10.....	191	50
By am't paid F. E. Thompkins, Clerk, V. No. 11...	10	00
By am't sent W. B. Crumpton, V. No. 12.....	106	91
By am't paid J. M. Loflin, Asso'n fund, V. No. 3..	59	90
By am't paid F. E. T.'s check for Minutes, V. 14...	25	00
By am't paid Exc'ng'e, 15, & Expr's on Min'tes, 25...	40	—\$428 21

The above is a correct statement of all monies received and disbursed by me during the associational year just ended, leaving, as in my last annual report, no funds on hand. Respectfully submitted,

B. T. ELEY, Treasurer,
Centennial Association.

Sept. 21st, 1892.

Correspondents were returned as follows:

To Eufaula association—J. O. Hixson, G. W. Dalbey, A. F. Dix, C. Crawley, B. T. Eley, S. J. Ming, J. H. Rainer.
To Salem association—J. M. Loflin.

The same Executive Committee was re-elected, viz:

G. W. Dalbey, M. N. Eley, A. F. Dix, F. O. Bickley, T. M. Gholston and W. E. Pierce.

Auditing Committee reported and report adopted as follows:

We find that the Treasurer's Report and vouchers correspond.

Treasurer's Report was adopted.

A. S. Dix, chairman of the Committee on Education, not having made the report, was requested to prepare a report and hand to the Clerk for publication in the minutes.

The association was divided into two districts, the M. & G. R. R. being the dividing line. The districts to be known as the Eastern and Western districts.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay the Clerk ten dollars for his services, the said ten dollars to be paid out of funds sent up for associational purposes.

The meeting of the Eastern District will be with the Indian Creek church, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sabbath in October, next; and of the Western District, with Mt. Carmel church, sometime during the spring of 1893, time to be fixed by Mt. Carmel church. Elder J. O. Hixson will preach the introductory sermon at Indian Creek, and Elder G. W. Dalbey at Mt. Carmel.

A vote of thanks was returned to the people of Union Springs for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this body.

The roll was called and corrected.

The minutes of to-day's proceedings were read and adopted.

The collection to be taken up to-morrow was ordered to be paid to W. B. Crumpton.

Adjourned.

Benediction by G. W. Dalbey.

GEO. WILLIAMS, MODERATOR,

F. E. TOMPKINS, Clerk.

SUNDAY—11 O'CLOCK A. M.

G. W. Dalbey preached in Baptist house; A. F. Dix preached in Methodist house. A. F. Dix preached the doctrinal sermon Saturday night.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. O. Hixson.....	Union Springs.
G. W. Dalbey.....	Union Springs.
M. N. Eley.....	Union Springs.
A. F. Dix.....	Pine Grove.
C. Crawley.....	Indian Creek.
J. M. Loflin.....	Post Oak.

REPORT OF R. HERRING, ON MISSIONARY WORK IN THE CENTENNIAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

By request and direction of the Centennial Baptist association, I respectfully submit the following report:

1st. That on Saturday before the first Sabbath in August, 1891, there was organized a Baptist church at the Myers school house, in Pike county. Said organization consisted of eight persons who held letters from other churches. After the organization I remained with them until the Wednesday night following, during which time several more were added by letter and seven by experience, whom I had the pleasure of baptizing on the first Sabbath in September following. This has indeed been a prosperous work. Soon after the organization they bought a church lot, upon which they have erected a house with many modern improvements, which would be an honor to any community, in which they have held services since the first Sabbath in April, where they are now comfortably situated. This work the present year has been attended with results of a very encouraging nature. My time as pastor with them will cease on the first Sabbath in October. This church, in addition to building and other expenses, have contributed to missions. This church was dedicated with appropriate ceremony, on the first Sabbath in June. Rev. J. O. Hixson preached the dedication sermon. Name, Loflin Baptist church. I have regularly attended them since their organization, preached regularly and had a meeting of days the present year. I feel that I can say of a truth, that this has been both a pleasant and a prosperous work. I have visited the families in the neighborhood, held prayer, made a number of talks and lectured frequently on Sabbath school work. In conclusion, will say, that the membership of this church is composed of men and women who show their faith by their works.

2nd. I accepted the care of the Baptist church at Mount Pleasant, and entered upon the work early in February, of the present year. I found here a little band of worshipers numbering thirteen, only three male members among them. Notwithstanding they were few in number, yet in their ranks were faithful ones, among whom I found Bro. H. W. Griggs, who, for nearly five years had, by his kindly words and manly efforts, kept the church together. The Lord has abundantly blessed them. There I began with them a revival in March, which is still going on, during which time there have been added to their number twenty persons, six by letter and fourteen by baptism; present membership, thirty-four. I have preached to them regularly once a month, generally holding from two to three days' meeting. I have visited most of the families in that section, frequently making talks and lecturing. Miles traveled, 575. I am proud to state that this church, in her letter to this association, stated that they would be self-sustaining after this year, they of themselves having agreed to pay me \$150 to serve them the next year, which I have agreed to do. In their letter they present to this body ten dollars for missions.

Fraternally,

R. HERRING,

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF CENTENNIAL BAPTIST AS-
SOCIATION—1892.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Minutes.	Associational Purposes.	Undesignated.	Vouchers.
Aberfoil.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
Ebenezer.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fairview.....	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	17 20	.....
Greenwood.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Indian Creek.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25	8 70	.....	.....
Liberty.....	.....	5 00	3 50	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Loflin.....	.....	.....	5 75	1 50	.....	.....	.....
Midway.....	.....	.....	.....	50	1 50	.....	.....
Mt. Carmel.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	3 00	.....
Mt. Pleasant.....	2 50	.....	2 50	1 25	5 00	.....	.....
Mt. Zion.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Macedonia.....	3 00	2 50	5 75	1 50	.....	.....	.....
Perote.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	7 00	3 00
Sardis.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	20 00	.....
Siloam.....	3 00	2 75	5 75	1 25	.....	.....	4 26
Union Springs.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	255 89
Collections.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Friday night.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	*50 03	.....
Collection on Sunday.....						18 41	
Totals.....	\$ 8 50	\$10 25	\$23 25	\$12 00	\$15 20	\$ 115 64	\$ 263 15

*In hands of B. T. Eley, Treasurer.

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CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	Increased by Decre'd by								Present Mem- bership.	Office's & Teach- ers.	S. S. Pupils.	Preaching Sabbaths.	Prayer Meeting.	Reports Revival.
					Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Dis- cussure.	Death.						
Aberfoil	Bullock	A. F. Dix	P. F. Dix	Pine Grove	39	4	3	..	..	..	..	1	45	7	20	..	1	..
Fairview	Bullock	J. S. Yarbrough	W. G. Huffman	Elizpatrick	35	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	37	..	..	..	4	1
Greenwood	Bullock	W. C. T. Moseley	G. A. Norris	Perote	61	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	66	..	..	..	1	..
Indian Creek	Bullock	J. L. Youngblood	T. M. Hough	Post Oak	62	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	52	..	..	..	4	..
Liberty	Bullock	J. M. Loflin	W. A. C. May	Mt. Hilliard	64	..	2	1	6	..	..	..	61	..	..	..	1	..
Macedonia	Bullock	J. M. Loflin	W. L. O'Neil	Shopton	63	..	1	..	3	..	..	1	40	..	..	..	4	..
Midway	Montgomery	J. M. Loflin	Jas. Jones	Shopton	65	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	61	..	..	..	..	..
Mt. Carmel	Bullock	W. A. Whipple	Jas. Bates, Jr.	Post Oak	110	1	..	..	6	3	2	2	101	..	..	..	3	..
Mt. Zion	Bullock	R. Herring	J. W. Cobb	Linwood	15	12	8	..	..	..	..	..	23	..	..	..	4	1
Mt. Pleasant	Bullock	J. M. Loflin	Pattie Dell Ivey	Perote	25	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	24	..	..	..	3	..
Perote	Bullock	J. O. Hixson	J. F. Martin	Union Springs	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	20	..	..	..	..	..
Sardis	Bullock	R. Herring	S. J. Townsend	China Grove	58	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	35	..	..	..	2	..
Siloam	Pike	G. W. Dalbey	C. P. West	Union Springs	230	21	18	..	..	6	23	..	240	..	..	Every 8	..	..
Union Springs	Bullock	R. Herring	L. W. Barron	Josie	21	3	11	..	1	..	..	..	34	6	37	1-2	..	..
Loflin	Pike	R. Herring	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	849	49	46	1	35	9	23	7	869	13	57	..	..	..

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